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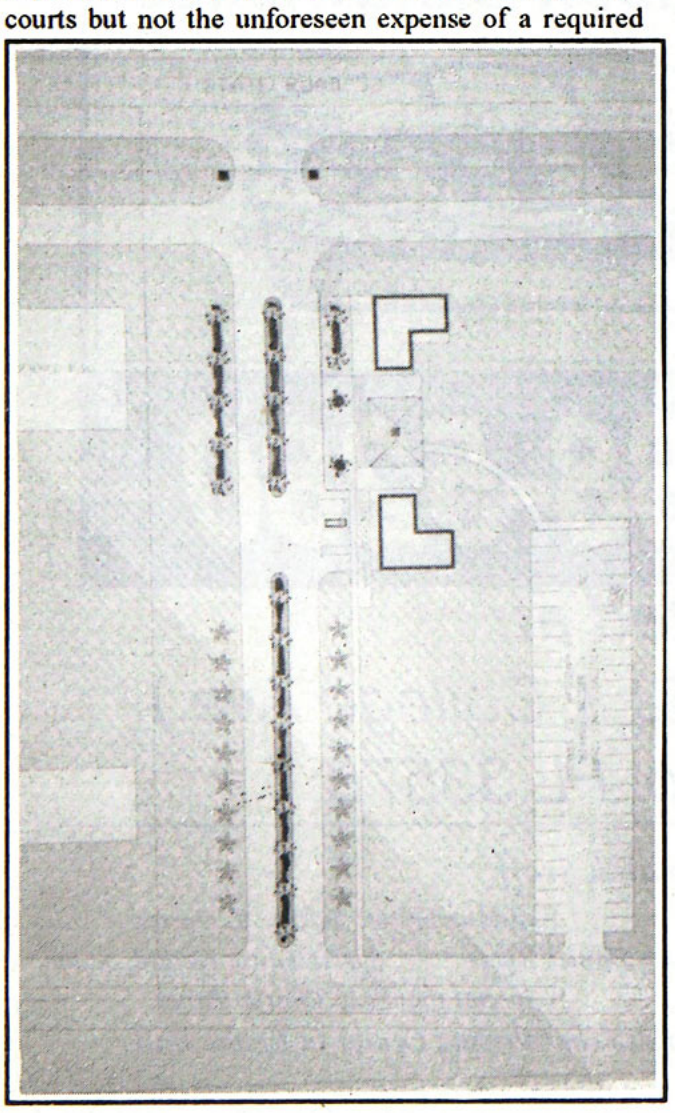
Renovation and the Dream

by Sylvia E. Torres

The board leans against a wall in the Vice President for Business Affairs' office. Covered with penciled-in alterations, a faint, aerial image of Saint Leo is superimposed over the diagram of a school, possibly this school in twenty years. The new main campus drive was planned on that Dream Board. Segments of the diagram were on display in the library last semester but the reality did not live up to the dream and part of that display had to return to the Board. The tennis courts located west of security and south of Saint Edward Hall were to be modified into replacement parking spaces for the thirty-eight that were in the original main campus drive.

John Weicherding, Vice President for Business Affairs explained that there is no immediate problem with parking. "We normally have a hundred vacant spots at any given time. Most of these spots, however, are behind Saint Ed's." Security estimates that nine hundred forty decals have been issued this year. This number includes replacement decals, weekend college students, and resident students. Six hundred twenty-eight spaces (faculty, student, temporary, visitor, and handicap) exist on campus at this time.

The plan was to move the tennis courts between the softball field and the baseball field behind Henderson Hall. The two courts were to be moved this summer but hit a financial road block. The $80,000 that is pledged to the project will cover the moving of the courts but not the unforeseen expense of a required retention pond.



Concrete courts interfere with the natural return of surface water to the ground. Retention ponds are used to offset this. The excavation and preparation of the land and the digging of the pond would cost Saint Leo $160,000 more than was budgeted for the project. Weicherding explained, "We knew we would have to do something; we did not know the magnitude of it."

An option could be applying for military surplus (tractors, etc.). Supposing that Saint Leo is eligible, Plant Operations could do most of the work itself. Even with the expense of hiring someone to work the heavy machinery, this option could cut up to half the price off the building of the retention pond.

Other ways of building courts have been explored. Clay courts would not infringe on the natural water cycle but they are extremely hard to maintain. They are used more for professional competitors than intercollegiate and recreational activities. Building fewer courts would still require a similar retention pond, Weicherding clarifies, with the price differing only a little.

Eventually, the idea is to move all of the tennis courts into the same area behind Henderson Hall form a sports complex and four lighted racquetball courts. This would leave the area behind Saint Edward open for building new parking spots.

"Our alternatives are kind of thin but we are still hoping that we can do it," explained Weicherding. "I would like to say that it would happen next summer depending on how we do (financially) this year. It's too early to tell."

Other issues are competing for school funds. The condition of Henderson and Benoit is one of them. Some work has been done inside the halls, says Weicherding, but the outside still looks terrible. It needs to be redone in the Spanish style of Alumni and Roderick.

Something has to be done with the theater building, as well. It is being torn down in the next few years and something will have to replace it.

The McDonald Center is to be upgraded to make it a "more pleasant, food court type operation." Weicherding called the proposed changes "user friendly." It would offer a series of theme meals, "almost custom cooked."

Three sets of weight lifting equipment have recently been donated to the school, and the Physical Education department is stll hunting for floor space for all of it. They are considering where it would be most useful to the students.

The copy center in the basement of Saint Francis may be transformed into a coffee house or a computer lab. Another part of the basement may be made into an after-hours study room.

Thank you Mr. John Weicherding, Vice President for Business Affairs and Mr. James Killmeyer, of Plant Operations for responding to the concerns of students.

Left: The sketch illustrating the changes in parking. The tennis courts were to be removed and replaced by parking.

Memorial Service Held for Bill Sharp

by Leo Ayotte

Friends who gathered on the evening of November 7, 1995, in the west end of Crawford Hall, met to share the memories of a lost friend. William (Bill) Sharp died on October 10, 1995. He is remembered as a Saint Leo College student majoring in Social Work, a father, a foster parent, and a political activist. Emotions were high as those gathered participated in a ceremony to honor their companion.

Sister S. Candice Tucci, OSF, began the service with a prayer, and then a close friend and classmate, Linda Jolly, read an excerpt from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, 15:51-57:

Oh death where is thy sting ? Oh grave where is thy victory ?

The sting of death is sin; But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

"He was a kind and loving father to his fourteen-year-old daughter," reminisced Kim Setzer, a long-time friend. "He served for a time as a foster parent, was politically active, and was always interested in helping those less fortunate." Setzer's comments were shared from a taped message she had prepared for the occasion; her voice was filled with emotion as she continued, "Throughout his academic career as a Social Work major he maintained an A average. He motivated me to enroll at Saint Leo, even filled out the application for me. He was my friend."

The empty tape's crackling whisper echoed in the room. Dr. Teevan, Dr. Durst, and Ms. Frances Martin commented on their classroom association and experiences with Bill. Bonnie Harrelson, another classmate, spoke quietly of her memories of Bill, concluding, "Linda and Kim were very lucky to have had him for a friend."

Following these personal reflections, the group proceeded across the campus amphitheater beside Lake Jovita, where a tree commemorates Bill. The tree was dedicated and blessed to Bill's memory by Monsignor Mouch. Accompanied by Sister Tucci's soft strumming on the guitar, the group sang "Amazing Grace" and closed the ceremony with a prayer.

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My Beautiful Lady

By Frederick B. Ramlow

Alas, alas, my beautiful lady, so vibrant, so strong in the days of her youth. Her birth was haled by the shot heard around the world. Great men, the doctors of yore, pulled her kicking and screaming from the womb of the queen of the sea. Born in a spray of blood, she was soon cleaned and made whole. The first of a new breed, she was adored by all. She was the champion of freedom and the refuge for those suffering persecution.

My beautiful lady always showed her purity to the world. But underneath, she also had her faults. In her youth, she brought the huddled masses into her bosom and gave them a new life, while she also rejected the followers of the great spirit and chased them from the house. In her middle years, she intervened in the battles of her sisters and brothers and promised to bring freedom to the family, then left half of them in slavery. Soon after, she sold her wealth and gave it to the poor, but she gained nothing from this act because there was no love in it.

But, even with her faults I still loved her. A tear came to my eye whenever I beheld her. Her great song moved my heart to sing. O my lady, how I loved her. I served her for five long years just to prove my love. And she returned my love by helping with my education. She cared for my father while he was in the hospital, like she cared for so many others. She truly was a great lady.

But, my lady is showing her age today. She never recovered from the horrible attack she suffered years ago. A mob, a vicious mob attacked her and there were few to save her. The mob had many members all of different shapes. They were justifiably enraged by the man who succeeded the Martyr. The one called the son of John. The children that worshiped the flowers delivered their blows. They were joined by the ones who wanted to wear her clothes. They wrapped them around their necks and said that they were defending her, while striking blows as hard as the ones before.

The beautiful, blue bonnet was ripped from her head. The vivid red sweater that she loved so much was yanked from her body and carried through the crowd. Her long flowing white dress was torn into many pieces and spread to many people. Many others stole her pride and money. My lady was wounded in body and mind.

This wasn't the first mob that she had been abused by, but from this one she never fully recovered. Her wounds appeared to heal, and some of her strength came back. But, so many of the doctors that had custody of her did not truly care. Under the supervision of a doctor that communicated greatly, she recovered enough strength to defeat her evil sister, then he left under scandal and the successor was like the rest.

Today my lady is in the hospital. The rot of her sickness is apparent for all to see. But, the great men of medicine are no longer trying to help. They are fighting each other over her hospital bed. Each of them is too worried about the other to notice that her heart is growing weaker and weaker.

Is there hope for my formerly beautiful lady? Today, I do not know. But I have to ask myself, was my love for her correct? Did I make an Idol out of her, and forget the one that I truly should love? I think in many ways I did. She was the lady of the house of my birth, but she should never have been the lady of my soul. My soul belongs to the man who was put to death many years ago who I talk to often. And the love of a lady, no matter how beautiful, should never take me away from him.

But, what about my lady. Should I fight to save her? Should I join the battling doctors? Or, should I join in pulling the plug and hope her unborn daughter can continue her legacy. Or, should I, like so many others, just leave her and find another lady. I am torn. I don't know!

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Pi Lambda Phi and Circle K Feed the Homeless

by Robert Jones

The fraternity Pi Lambda Phi and service organization Circle K got together on Monday, October 31 to help make a difference in the world.

The organizations went to the University of South Florida and made bag lunches for homeless people. Many people in the inner city of Tampa do not have a home. The people were kind and grateful to the groups for visiting and showing sympathy for them. Homeless people claim that people stare at them on the street . People often look at the homeless as a group of lazy people not strong enough to survive in the world. Anyone can be put on the street in a matter of seconds. One man lost his job and was kicked out of his home.

It was a very humbling experience for me and for the rest of the group. The next time you are complaining about your dorm room being too small and the cafeteria food not being up to par, think of those less fortunate than you. How many people does it take to change the world? One. You!

Saint Leo College is looking for a name for its new mascot. Pick up an application in Student Affairs.

Nurse Bobbi's Prescription

A positive outlook can make it easier for you to cope with stress. Think on the bright side and let yourself laugh. Learn how and when to break away from stressful situations. Prioritize your commitments. Keep work and school in perspective. Pursue enjoyable hobbies, take time to relax, and have fun!

Movie Review

Home for the Holidays

by Tina Mennella

"Have you gained weight?"

"Are you still dating what's his name?"

"I can't believe you're wearing that!"

"Do you smell something burning?"

Yes, it's that time of year again, when the holidays seem to creep up and hit us in the face. You cannot help but cringe at the thought of critical relatives, dry turkey, and polite conversation. Yet, we all subject ourselves to this annual ritual called Thanksgiving dinner.

Jodie Foster's latest effort "Home for the Holidays" presents us with a glimpse into a "typical" American family: an overbearing mother, a passive father, an eccentric aunt, a neurotic sister, and a gay brother. Okay, maybe it's not a Norman Rockwell painting. This portrait of a dysfunctional family, and its attempt to survive yet another holiday together ,provides us with a humorous diversion from our own families.

Although "Home for the Holidays" is not as funny as it appears to be in the coming attractions, it is worth seeing. Holly Hunter does an expert job of portraying Claudia, the one fairly normal family member who absorbs all the turmoil around her with a smile. Robert Downey, Jr. is delightful as the gay brother who combines wit and emotion to find his place in the family tree. The funniest performance is rendered by Cynthia Stevenson, who plays the uptight sister Joanne, who is stuck in her prim and proper ways. When she shows up with her stuffy husband, healthy turkey, and two bratty children, they can't seem to adapt to the rest of the quirky family's ways. The results are both funny and pathetic.

I give "Home for the Holidays" two and one-half stars. If anything, it will give you a subtle way of dumping a turkey in the lap of your favorite relative. As for your own inevitable Thanksgiving dinner ordeal, keep in mind that, when it comes right down to it, you wouldn't trade your family for anything. Besides, who would want them?

Fall Family Festival Weekend

Fall Family Festival Weekend was held on October 13, 14, and 15. There were several activities in which the students could participate. The talent show was held on Friday night. Carla Cruz and Tara Fernandez placed first with their duet. Robby "Spaz" Murphy received recognition for second place. The third place winner of the show was Jenn McLone. A parade was held Saturday morning. Samaritans, Residential Hall Association, and Circle K received cash awards for the best floats. The winners of the banner contest were announced on Saturday. Samaritans were awarded first place. Tau Kappa Epsilon and Florida Future Educators of America placed second and third. Also announced during the weekend were the 1995-96 Homecoming King and Queen. Alisha Gonzalez, Jennifer Branchini, and Rosemarie Alfaro were nominated for Queen. Brian Eves, Philip Messer, and Jason Yager were nominated for King. Rosemarie and Jason were crowned during halftime of Saturday's soccer game.

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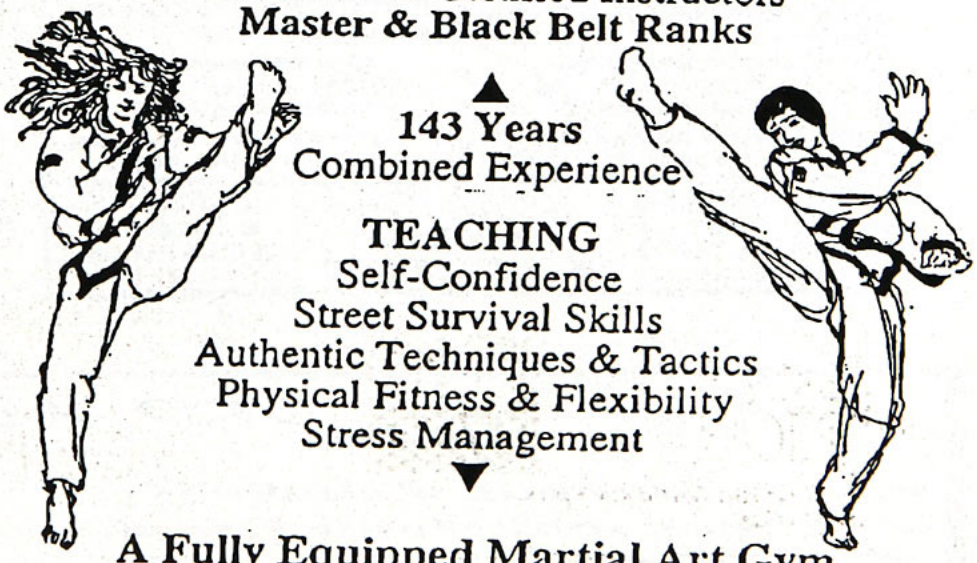

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English Honor Society Inducts New Members

by Maura Snyder

Saint Leo College recently inducted nine new members into the Alpha Alpha Alpha chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the International Collegiate English Honor Society.

Included in this year's inductees are: Leo P. Ayotte, Michael Cunningham, Terri L. DeHetre, Ruth N. Dunacusky, Sylvia Kent, Erin K. Magner, Tina Mennella, Allain M. Quinn, and Angela M. Saucedo.

The new members, selected from among the college's top English majors and minors, have all shown superior character, excellent scholarship and enthusiasm for their chosen field. They must also have accumulated 45 hours of college work, with a grade point average of 3.0 or better overall in English.

At the induction ceremony, Judith Rochelle was presented with a certificate for her outstanding service to the cause of English at Saint Leo College. John Paul Bardunias and Nicole Keller were also honored for their hard work and dedication to the organization.

Sigma Tau Delta, with 419 chapters worldwide, began as an outgrowth of an English club at the Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota and was nationalized under its present name in 1924.

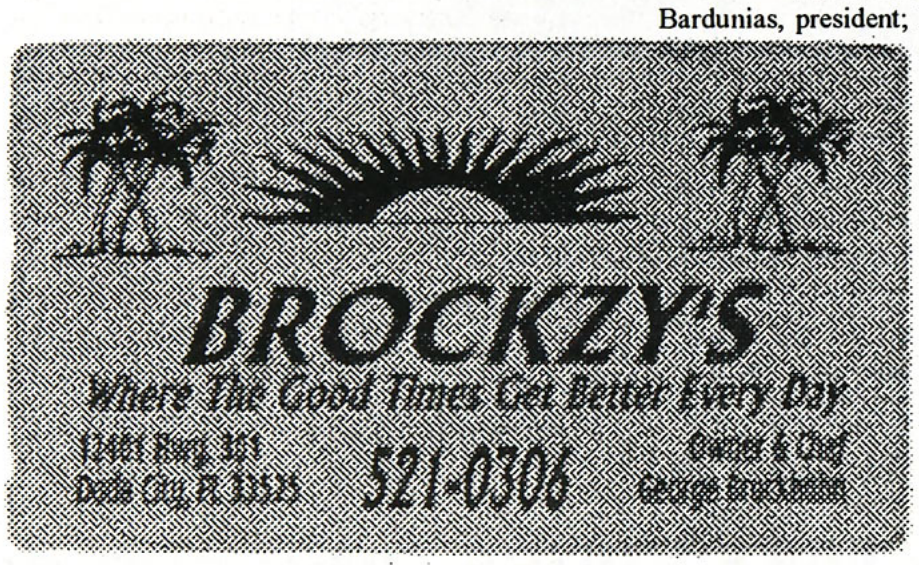
The objectives of the society are to confer distinction for high achievement in undergraduate, graduate and professional studies in English language and literature, to provide cultural stimulation on college campuses through local chapters, to foster community interest within English departments and to encourage creative and critical writing. Twice a year, the society publishes The Rectangle, a journal of member's works.

The 1995-1996 chapter officers are John Paul Bardunias, president; Kelly D. Estep, vice president; Amity K. Giddens, secretary; Betty Kozumplik, treasurer; Nicole D. Keller, historian and Maura Snyder, Advisor.

Giddens Attends Conference

Amity Giddens, an English for Secondary Education major recently attended the Florida Council of Teachers of English and Florida Foreign Language Association joint convention in Orlando. The theme of the convention this year was "The Big Picture: Making Language Connections Across the Disciplines." The convention was open to members of Florida Teacher Certification Examination, and student teachers. The convention provides an opportunity for teachers to acquire new ideas and materials for making English and foreign language classes more productive and interesting for their students. Workshops, taught by teachers who have created and used these ideas, were held throughout the three-day convention. Ms. Daniela Gioseffi, professor of Intercultural Communication, Multicultural Literature, and Creative Writing was the keynote speaker. Also at the convention, writer Carol Fuery Ruot introduced her new book, Discipline Strategies for the Bored, Belligerent, and Ballistic. The convention also provided teachers with samples of new text books, multimedia software, and inspirational items. Amity had a lovely time and learned many things that will help her and her students in her future classes. The convention proved to be enlightening, enjoyable, and motivating. Miss Giddens is excited about beginning her final internship next semester.

The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha traveled to Nassau Bahamas to meet other brothers in chapters throughout the district. Over 100 brothers from different colleges and universities attended the conference on August 20-22.



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Right On Track

by Gerard Stone

"We are right on track!" These were Head Coach Todd Smyly's very words when asked his outlook for the 1995-96 Running Monarch season. "We now have the foundation it takes to compete in the Sunshine State Conference. We're a big, athletic squad with experience and depth."

Leading the returning crew for Coach Smyly is Preseason All-American, Shawn Jennett. In his two years with Saint Leo, Jennett has already compiled 955 points, 333 career rebounds, finishing last season with an average 20.4 ppg.(points per game).

Joining Shawn, are returners Craig Calhoun, Alex Mack, and Tony Dingle. Calhoun is averaging 10.7 ppg. and 3.9 rpg.(rebounds), while Mack, who should be called "The Lord of Leap", comes in with a 11.2 ppg./5.1 rpg. average. Dingle is one of the biggest players in the conference. His 6-foot-9, 250 lbs. frame helped him lead the Monarchs in rebounds last season; 8.1 rpg.

Smyly has also been busy recruiting. Bobby Robinson and Donovan Meyer come from Central Florida Community College in Ocala. Robinson, a 6-foot-4 guard, earned All-Sun Coast honors averaging 16 ppg. and hitting 94 three-pointers for the Patriots. Meyer, a 6-4 forward, had his season cut short due to a leg injury, but both he and Bobby were major contributors to the 1993-94 Patriots.

This year's freshmen class consists of two talented Tampa Bay area players. Garrett Garalski, (6'-6" 225lbs.), from Clearwater High and Jonny Szponar, (6'-9" 200lbs.) will give the team size for the next four years.

Coach Smyly is ready for this year's squad to take the court; "The foundation has been laid, and now it's time to reach toward new heights. If this team works hard, dedicates itself, and works toward a common goal, this season could be a new beginning."

The first home game was an exhibition on Saturday, Nov. 11. Now let's all get to the next game and show everybody who runs the "Pit"!

Lady Monarchs are Ready

by Gerard Stone

The Lady Monarchs, under the leadership of Head Coach Janet Cone, are gearing up for a promising season in the Sunshine State Conference. All things seem to indicate they will be contenders and a team that is out to play some serious basketball.

Without doubt these girls are challenged by the loss of many starting players, but that will merely allow those returners to step-up and be recognized. When the going gets tough, the tough go vertical and to the net!

Among the returners are the 5-10 forward, Julie Becker with 19 blocks, and Adrienne Holmes, the 5-3 guard who averaged 2.5 steals per game last season. Also returning are 6 foot center, Tangela Grant, averaging 9.3 ppg.(points per game) and Jennifer Jackson at guard.

As far as recruiting, Coach Cone has picked up 5-9 guard, Lakoscia Kenon from USF and the 6 foot center, Angel Marshall from South Mountain Community College in Phoenix, Arizona.

Saint Leo's Lady Monarchs have great potential and heart going into the 1995-96 season. They have good leadership on and off the court which lends itself to quality play. Lets get the entire student body into the "Pit" and cheer these ladies on.

The first game at home is Tuesday, Nov. 21 against Barton College at 7:30 PM.

Soccer & Volleyball Finals

by Gerard Stone

Head Coach Fran Reidy and his Monarch soccer team set a goal of being in the top three of the Sunshine State Conference when the season ended. By virtue of the team's 5-2 win over North Florida at College Field, the Monarchs went where no Saint Leo soccer team had gone before; sole possession of second place in the SSC.

The five conference wins was a new high, as was the second place finish. The previous best was a 4-3 record and 4th place in 1994. The Sunshine State Conference, nationally recognized as the best Division II conference in the country, was won by the University of Tampa, with a perfect 7-0 finish.

Of course that will be the Monarch's record for next season.

Coach Bill Lent and the Monarch Volleyball program will miss two great players in Stephanie Baldwin and Erika Germano, as they graduate this year.

Stephanie came to Saint Leo two years ago from Lakeland Community College and has been a starter for the past two seasons. Erica, a native of Richmond Heights, Ohio, has been a four-year starter for the Monarchs and has displayed great consistency and effort. In her four years with Saint Leo, Germano has missed only one match and played in 402 out of the 406 games played.

Both girls were outside hitters and serious threats on the court with 203+ kills, 65+ service aces, 199+ digs total for Baldwin and 797+ kills, 113+ aces, 799+ digs total for Germano.

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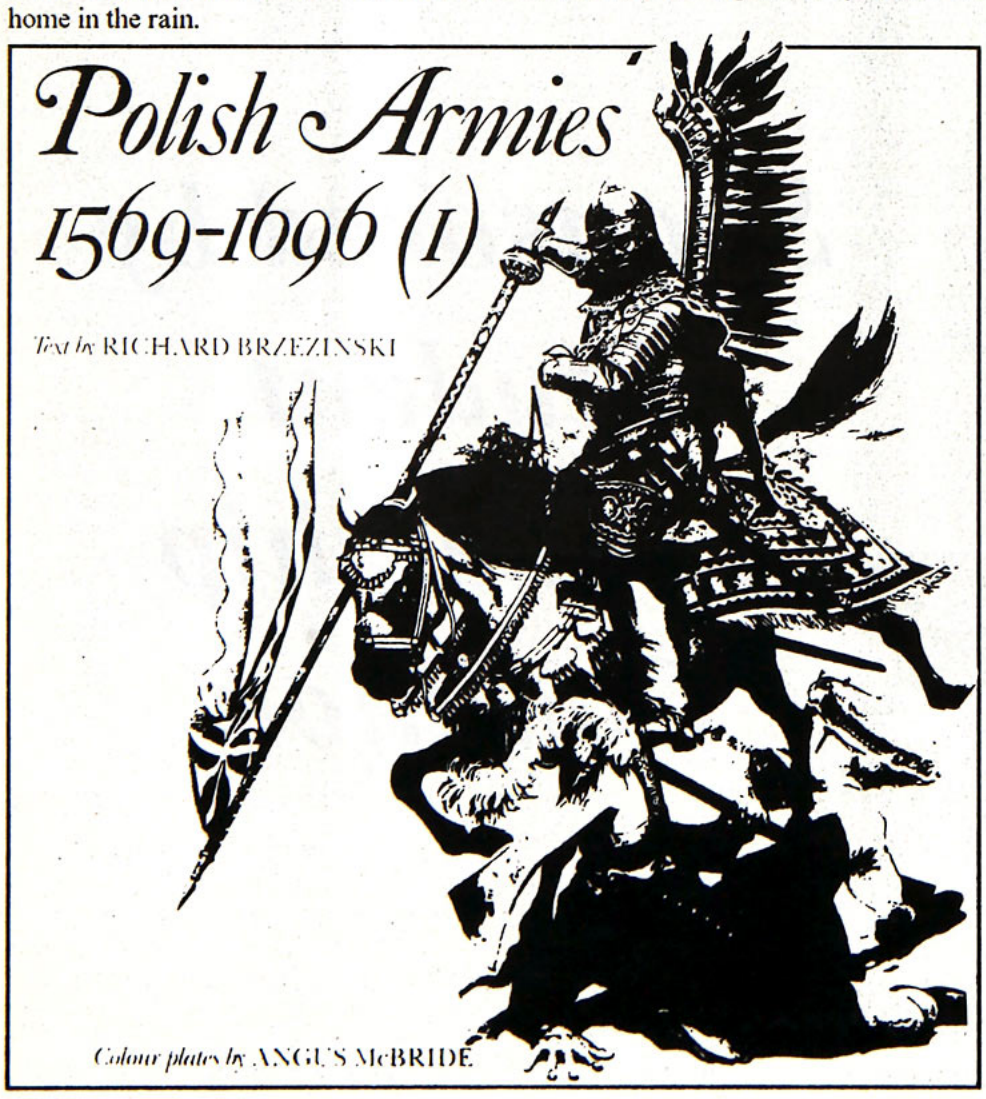
(by Leslie Rosario)

Flight of the Winged Knight

by John Paul Bardunias

Wings glistening in mighty sun. Lance in hand and steed at bay, they number upon the ridge. Tall and mighty the angels brace for war. Turks quiver below in flanks with pikes bore. Tips glittering awaiting the first drops of crimson to drink. "We must smash the infidel for Christianity's sake." Two thousand strong are ready to meet their deaths, "If we falter all of the known world shall fall including Poland!" Horses snort and armor clanks; feathers whistle in the breeze. The odor rings true and hooves smoke as they hover over land to the Turkish flight. Pike is met by lance, sword with musket shot. The infidel are trodded under galloping legs as the angels slash through the ocean of flailing limbs. Men are feld like trees on both armies. The sun shines brilliantly in the blue hued sky. The Hussars journey back to Vienna with many scaved as thunder clouds explode forth from heated air. A man asks for food for the trek back to Warsaw. "We cannot give you food," a German barks as five hundred angels slowly slink back home in the rain.



Og the Frog

by Renee Smith

Og the frog was a beautiful frog,
the most beautiful frog in the land of Krog.
He was loved, respected, and admired by all,
they were even at his beck and call.
Then one day, Og the Frog,
the most beautiful frog in the land of Krog,
decided that all he had wanted was too small.
Og the frog wanted to rule over all.
"I," said Og, "will be the most powerful frog in the land of Krog."
And with that, he ordered all the riches from every frog.
Og the Frog became more and more greedy,
he even began to take from the needy.
Then Og, being a greedy frog,
the most greedy frog in the land of Krog,
was worried that there might one day be
another frog more beautiful that he.
So Og the Frog ordered all of the tadpoles to be killed
Because Og's frogs would do anything Og willed.
So, for a time Og ruled as king
because Og could do almost anything.
But then one day, Og ruled he could no more,
since Og had nothing to rule for.
See, Og had killed all the baby frogs,
and the other frogs were as old as logs.
So now the end of the story of Og the Frog must end
because on his greed Og did depend!

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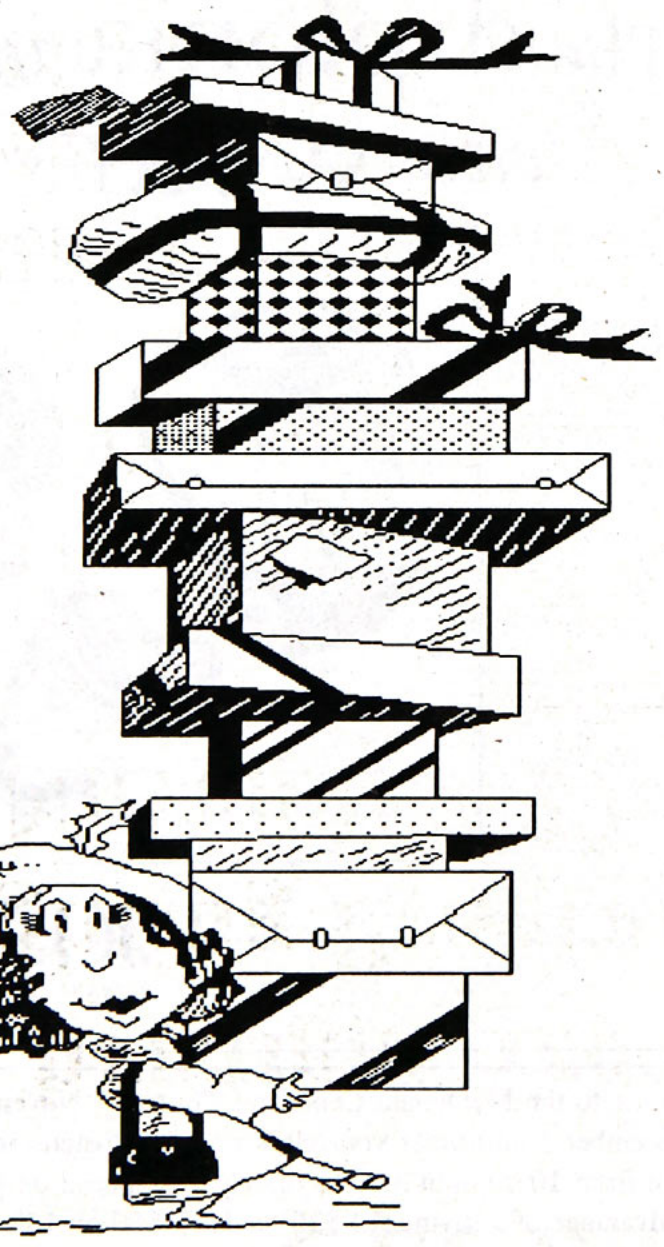
McDonald Center



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